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Applicant: FOCKE, Heinz, et al.

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Title: Method and Apparatus for the testing
Of in particular Cigarette Packs

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified and enclosed patent application,
please amend it as follows.

IN THE TITLE

Amend the Title to be:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE TESTING OF CUBOID-SHAPED PACKS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the Specification as follows:

Page 1, prior to line 1, delete "Description" and replace with:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 1, between lines 3 and 4, insert:

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--BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Page 3, between lines 6 and 7, insert:

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--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Page 3, lines 8-10, delete "Fig. 2 to Fig. 4 graphs representing the deformation of a pack", and replace with:

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--Fig. 2 is a graph representing the deformation of a pack and showing the curve on the basis of direct interaction between force F and distance S.

Fig. 3 is a graph representing the deformation of a pack and showing a curve which has been calculated as the first derivative of the curve shown in Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a graph representing the deformation of a pack and showing a curve which has been calculated as the second derivative of the curve shown in Fig. 2.--

Page 3, between lines 13 and 13, insert:

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--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the Claims as follows:

Claim 1, line 1, delete "(cigarette)" and "(thin)".

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 3, lines 3-4, delete "and preferably displayed or plotted in graphic form".

Claim 5, line 3, delete ", in particular as a second derivative".

Claim 6, lines 2-3, delete ", in particular across the entire pack surface, preferably on the entire large-surface front side (13) or rear side (14) of a cuboid-shaped pack".

Claim 7, line 2, delete ", in particular constant,".